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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 01-1096)

In re Application of:)
Fritz et al.) Examiner S. Chunduru
Serial No. 09/780,206)
Filed: February 9, 2001) Group Art Unit:1656
For: System for Simple Nucleic)
Acid Analysis)

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate)
- b) Amendment;
- c) Petition for Extension of Time;
- d) Return receipt postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

- a) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490 for any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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